



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

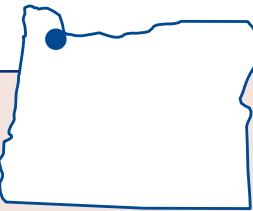
Portland Development Commission, OR

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Portland Development Commission was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Portland has a population of approximately 667,850, and an unemployment rate of 8.8 percent. Several of its neighborhoods have been designated as federal Enterprise Communities. The target area, Parcel 1, is part of Portland's 409-acre North Macadam Urban Renewal Area (URA). The URA has a population of less than 1,000 and has been hobbled by its industrial past. Almost 29 percent of the area's residents are senior citizens, 15 percent are disabled, and 19 percent are low-income. The redevelopment planned for Parcel 1 is expected to generate significant tax revenue to support the URA's



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Portland Development Commission for a brownfields cleanup grant. The grant will be used to collect and dispose of asbestos-contaminated building debris found on the 2.7-acre Parcel 1 of the River Place project in the South Waterfront Redevelopment Area. The former steam plant waterfront property is targeted for redevelopment that will include 210 residential condominiums, a destination restaurant, and parking facilities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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www.epa.gov/r10earth, click on "Superfund," scroll down to "Related Programs" and click on "Brownfields"

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

future investments in infrastructure, and help leverage investment to create new jobs, open space, and housing facilities.